

## Retiree Spotlight

### Walt Watkins

Since retirement, Walt has spent a lot of time on the golf course and traveling around the world with his wife Mary. Walt says one of the best things about retirement is playing golf anytime he feels like it. An avid golfer, Walt has taken golf trips to Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana and North Carolina. In Alabama, he played on a couple of the Robert Trent Jones Trail Golf Courses. He said they were just wonderful. In late August and early September of 2001, Walt and his wife took an eighteen-day



trip to Europe where they really enjoyed themselves. The Watkins started their trip in Paris, France and then went to Belgium (Huy, Brussels and Bruges.) They ventured next to Rome where they were present during the Pope's weekly audience and had premium seats. They were seated on the same platform only about 50 feet from the Pope. From Rome they went to the Riviera in France (Nice and Monte Carlo). Finally, they traveled back to Paris for a couple of days before heading home. Walt says that retirement is “just wonderful,” and says he should have retired five years ago.

Walt Watkins retired in Dec 1999 as the chief of the Defensive Systems Branch in the Engineering Directorate after 35 years of service to the federal government